

## TRIBUTE TO MRS. CAROL LACY

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2003*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mrs. Carol Lacy, a close friend, longtime colleague and an indefatigable advocate for improving the quality of life in North Monterey County. She was a civic leader devoted to good land use planning in a county that depends on its "good looks" and "productive dirt." Carol passed away after a battle with lung cancer on Friday, November 1, 2002, and is survived by her husband Richard Liebenberg, daughter Susan Lacy, son Tim Lacy, stepson Ken Liebenberg, her parents Tom and Winifred Carney, sister Janet Carney, brother Barry Carney, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Lacy was a former Monterey County planning commissioner, businesswoman and health insurance agent who was known for her involvement with her community. She served for seven years on the Monterey County Planning Commission, nine years as a North Monterey County School Board trustee, and as a PTA president at Prunedale Elementary School. Carol had been a grand juror and was involved with the Monterey County Special Healthcare Authority. After seeing accidents and deaths year after year along Highway 101 through Prunedale, her hometown of 35 years, she was a founding member of the Highway 101 Bypass Committee. Work is now underway to improve safety along that corridor thanks to her pioneering efforts.

Many people knew and loved Carol, and I am thankful to be one of them. Her contributions to her community have left a legacy that will last for years to come. She will be sorely missed.

## JOYCE GATES

**HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2003*

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank a very good friend of mine for her years of service to me and my staff both here in Washington and back at home in Ohio. Friday will be my chief of staff Joyce Gates' final day in that position, and my staff and I will sorely miss having her as part of our office team.

Joyce initially joined our team in 1995, as the coalitions director for the House Republican Conference. For four years, she served our caucus well by strengthening our relationships with a wide variety of groups here on Capitol Hill. Then, nearly two years ago, she returned to the fold to take the reins as my chief of staff. In that position, Joyce helped guide us through the very intense months during which we helped craft the No Child Left Behind education reform bill, and she was at the helm to assist our staff during the difficult months after September 11th and the anthrax attacks that followed.

In addition to the strong leadership she has provided to my staff, Joyce has been a terrific friend to all of us. She is always willing to listen, to share her professional and personal opinions, and to lift spirits during an especially long or difficult day.

Mr. Speaker, though Joyce has decided to retire from my office in an official capacity, she will continue to be a part of our team in the months and years to come. And despite giving up the title of "chief of staff," she will always be one of my very best friends. I wish Joyce, her husband Bruce, and her family nothing but the best in the future.

## TRIBUTE TO DR. WILLIAM D. CRIST

**HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2003*

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to Dr. William D. Crist, one of Sacramento's most outstanding citizen leaders. Dr. Crist has served his term as the President of the Board of Administration for the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) with great distinction. As his friends and family gather to celebrate Dr. Crist's numerous achievements, I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in saluting one of Sacramento's most accomplished citizens.

Dr. Crist first joined the CalPERS Board in 1987 and became its President in 1992. During his fifteen years of service, CalPERS achieved tremendous growth in its pension fund. As a result of his considerable contributions, CalPERS became the standard in the health benefits arena and a leader in corporate governance and shareholder rights.

Under his leadership, CalPERS was able to secure a brighter future for 1.3 million California public employees, retirees and their families. CalPERS has been a powerful advocate for strong corporate governance requiring the attention and dedication of company officers, directors, and shareholders. Dr. Crist has long been a leader in calling for corporate governance activism. All in all, Dr. Crist has steadfastly promoted the interests of CalPERS and its enrollees with great success for the past fifteen years.

Long before his illustrious career with CalPERS, Dr. Crist enjoyed a distinguished career in academics. Dr. Crist, a Professor of Economics at California State University Stanislaus, rose to the rank of chair of the Department of Economics from 1986 to 1990. In addition, he also held a number of Academic Senate and faculty association positions during his academic career. Dr. Crist was the State President of the California Faculty Association from 1976 to 1985.

As a scholar, Dr. Crist made a number of significant professional and scholarly contributions to a variety of important subject matters. Dr. Crist authored scores of articles regarding collective bargaining in higher education, public retirement systems, and corporate governance. Dr. Crist's innovative ideas and sterling reputation earned him a number of prestigious distinctions: co-chair of the Council of Institutional Investors, CII Executive Committee member, a seat on the International Corporate Governance Network Board of Governors.

Dr. Crist's unparalleled success in the classroom and the boardroom truly makes him one of California's most accomplished and treasured citizens. Dr. Crist's outstanding service to Californians, which has spanned the course of four decades, will surely be missed. Yet, we

can all take comfort in knowing that his commitment to help improve the lives of others will undoubtedly serve as a shining example to others who follow his leadership.

Mr. Speaker, as Dr. William Crist's friends and family gather for his retirement celebration, I am honored to pay tribute to one of Sacramento's most honorable residents. His successes are considerable, and it is great honor for me to have the opportunity to pay tribute to his contributions. I ask all my colleagues to join with me in wishing Dr. William Crist continued success in all his future endeavors.

## TRIBUTE TO DR. WILLIAM F. SLAGLE

**HON. HAROLD E. FORD, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2003*

Mr. FORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding career of Dr. William F. Slagle of Memphis, TN, as he retires after 31 years of service with the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry.

Education has been the cornerstone of Dean Slagle's career, and he has fought tirelessly to improve the educational opportunities available to our future dentists. In so doing, he has also improved the standard of dental education and dental care available to all who become patients of those doctors he has helped to nurture and train.

Thanks to Dean Slagle's progressive vision, the University of Tennessee, College of Dentistry is recognized as one of the top ten in the nation, ranking number one in 1998 by the ADA for best scores on the National Board Examination. During his 23 year tenure as Dean, Dr. Slagle led the college through laborious accreditation processes, one in 1996 which resulted in zero recommendations for improvement and a total of 27 commendations, a feat never before accomplished. He built the most advanced interactive dental stimulation clinics in the country and inspired those around him to work toward the highest standards of excellence. Always interested in the development of faculty and students, Dean Slagle worked diligently to grow endowments in the College from zero in 1981 to over \$6 million presently.

For his career of noteworthy service to the State of Tennessee and the field of dentistry nationally, I would ask that you and my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join with me in saluting a distinguished Tennessean and American, Dr. William Slagle.

HONORING CURTIS R. PATTERSON  
OF CHINA SPRING, TX**HON. CHET EDWARDS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, a citizen of China Spring, Texas, a Central Texas community in my 11th Congressional District was recently honored with the Carnegie Medal for risking his life to save the life of another.